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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits this amendment to the claims after the interview conducted on 12.07.2006, summarized below. All claim rejections are believed moot in light of the agreements reached in the interview (summarized below) but are hereby respectfully traversed in any event. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Interview Summary 12.07.2006

Examiners Daniel C. Washburn

Applicant's representatives Patrick Holmes

In this interview, claim 8 was discussed. Examiner Washburn said that the present amendment would, from his perspective, alleviate the 101 rejection of claim 8.

Hence, all claim rejections are now believed removed, and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant specifically notes that a previous amendment was submitted after the non-final office action of 8-22-06. This amendment is the second amendment since that office action.

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Conclusion

Thus, all grounds of rejection and/or objection are traversed or accommodated, and favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney or Robert Groover for an interview to resolve any remaining issues.

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